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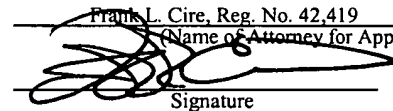
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) JP 09-026867
- (2) WO 00/43891

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This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies a Request For Continued Examination (RCE). Since the RCE has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that the Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4).

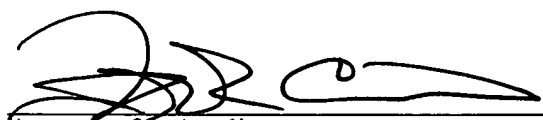
Documents (1) and (2) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Official Action and documents (1) and (2) are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language document (1) is believed to be satisfied by U.S. Patent No. 5,832,298, which is already of record and is believed to be an English-language counterpart for document (1). U.S. Patent No. 5,832,298 was cited by the Examiner in the above U.S. application in the Office Action dated June 2, 2005.

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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